

**MINUTES OF ISLE OF MAN MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATION MONTHLY MEETING  
HELD AT BRADDAN COMMISSIONERS' OFFICES AT 7PM ON THURSDAY 28  
JUNE 2018**

**PRESENT**

Vivien Quane	Lezayre Commissioners	President & Chairman
Neal Mellon	Braddan Parish Commissioners	
Helen Callow	Douglas Borough Council	
Betty Quirk	Douglas Borough Council	
Jaimie Smith	Garff Commissioners	
Bob Pilling	Malew Commissioners	
Alan Jones	Peel Commissioners	
Andy Cowie	Ramsey Commissioners	
Ffinlo Williams	Ramsey Commissioners	
Peter Gunn	Rushen Commissioners	
Andrea Hawley	DOI	
Graham Connor	Secretary	

**Welcome**

**Guest – Ray Harmer MHK**

The Minister was delighted to return to the Municipal Association as scheduled and wished to focus on two distinct areas this evening. These were highways and waste management. Unfortunately, Alan Hardinge from the Highways Division was unable to attend as anticipated, but Andrea Hawley had taken his place and would be noting highways and other issues arising for consideration.

**Highways etc.**

1. Betty Quirk took the opportunity to thank the Minister personally for resolving long standing issues regarding the TT Access Road.
2. Andy Cowie was also grateful for the work recently undertaken on the Queen's Promenade in Ramsey which he said was a vast improvement.
3. Ramsey Members wondered if it might be possible to undertake similar resurfacing work on Mooragh Promenade. Angela Hawley advised that this carriageway was not on the list for remedial work in 2019 but she would look into whether it could be included in 2020.
4. There were also issues surrounding overlay and jet patching in the Willow Terrace and Bucks Road areas.
5. Some concern was expressed that Local Authorities in rural areas who were affected by the closure of Lezayre Road had not been sufficiently consulted regarding the mitigation of the impact of traffic from this major scheme.
6. The Minister noted that hedge-cutting and gully cleaning work seemed to be going well. It was recognised that some Local Authorities would need to undertake hedge and grass cutting prior to September where safety was an issue.

7. Ffinlo Williams asked if it might be possible to extend tarmacadam resurfacing to footpaths in the North. If specific examples could be provided, the Department would be prepared to consider this.

### Waste Management

On behalf of Municipal Members and Local Authorities in general Bob Pilling expressed frustration regarding the lack of progress in both finalising a Waste Management strategy and making some operational progress in appropriate areas. There also seemed to be some slippage in the timetabling of committee meetings and progressing actions arising. Alan Jones echoed this frustration saying that Local Authorities were looking for clarity and a lead so that they knew where they were going.

The Minister advised that several strategic issues were being revisited. He specifically mentioned the following items:

1. Non-importation of waste
2. Self-sufficiency
3. The need for an accurate business waste profile
4. The role of the E.F.W. plant
5. Reduction of single-use plastics
6. Audits of recyclables (need only take a few months)
7. Food waste and green collections
8. The need to be separate and distinct from the U.K. Waste Management model
9. Synergies across the Island in waste handling and disposal
10. Education both targeted (i.e. schools) and the general public.

Members were concerned that actions were being further delayed whilst strategy was, yet again, being reconsidered. Was it not possible to run strategic review and operational matters in parallel? However, Members felt that, if further strategic changes and assessments were deemed essential, potential waste management policy changes need to be aired widely and resolved quickly. Most Members took the view that a Waste Disposal Group/Committee of around six members ought to be retained to speed up the process.

The Minister and Andrea Hawley were thanked for their attendance and openness. A further session would be arranged in the Autumn.

### Other matters

The Chairman asked for more information regarding the roles and job descriptions of the Parish Wardens. She also felt that it might be help if they could spend a brief amount of time talking to and getting to know the Clerks. Andrea Howey advised that there were four regionally based groups who were tasked with resolving urgent problems with potholes etc and, as such, did not have a liaison function. Everyone agreed that the reporting system via a central control phone number (850000) seemed to be working well.

### Q&As

Finally, the Chairman took the opportunity to go around the table. The following issues were raised:

1. Mobile and rural libraries – for some, these were an essential service.
2. S.A.V.E. and joined up service suggestions – please forward to Departments. As far as the Minister was concerned the Municipal Association was not precluded from submitting ideas of their own. **A.P. Secretary to include as agenda item going forward.**
3. Electric vehicles – strategy, charging points, fleet opportunities, buy-in-bulk options. Neal Mellon advised that the IOM Food Bank would welcome the donation of an electric vehicle for advertising purposes.
4. Horse trams – overtaking in contravention of the Manx Highway code needed to be enforced although it was recognised that visitors may not be familiar with the requirements

### **Apologies for absence**

Apologies had been received from Adrian Cowin (Arbory), David Dentith and Andrew Jessopp (Braddan), Raina Chatel (Douglas), Tim Kenyon (Garff), Margaret Kennaugh (German), Alison Lynch (Marown), Geoff Gelling (Patrick), and Eddie Convery (Peel).

### **Minutes of April 2018 meeting**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 26 April were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

### **Matters arising from minutes**

There were no matters arising.

### **Treasurer's Report**

The report had been circulated and was noted. Four Authorities had sent 2018/19 subscription cheques which were yet to be banked and the Treasurer had yet to receive the most up to date bank statement. As a result, the report did not include details of any subscriptions received for the current year, but this would be rectified next month. Local Authorities are politely reminded that early settlement of outstanding invoices would be appreciated.

### **Secretary's Report**

The report had been circulated and was noted. In addition, the Secretary briefly outlined the current position regarding the Municipal Association sponsored Environmental Awareness Seminar on 11 September and advised that invitations would be going out in the next week to give people plenty of time to consider and respond. The Secretary would ask for details of the numbers of potential attendees (but not names). The provisional agenda is reproduced below. It was agreed that this was a keynote event and everything possible should be done to encourage eligible participants to attend. A light buffet supper will be provided and financed from Municipal Association funds.

### **Environment and Waste Management Seminar**

- 7.00 Introduction by Municipal Chairman/ZWM representative
- 7.05 Presentation 1 (ZWS/ZWM)
- 7.40 Q&As
- 7.50 Interval

8.30 Presentation 2 (Beach Buddies)

9.05 Q&As

9.15 Conclusion and thanks

### **Richmond Hill Consultative Committee**

In the absence of Andrew Jessopp, it was agreed that further discussion on this matter should be held over.

### **Waste Management issues**

This topic had been discussed during the dialogue with the guest speaker.

### **World War I Commemorations**

Alan Jones advised that the next Committee meeting was scheduled for July 2018 and minutes would be circulated as soon as possible thereafter. Local Authorities were advised to forward details of any related events which were planned for inclusion on the designated website.

### **Any other business**

1. Ffinlo Williams asked if the Minister might be amenable to producing recycling education stickers for waste bins as part of the education process discussed earlier. It was agreed that the Secretary would forward this suggestion on behalf of the Municipal Association. **AP Secretary**

### **Any other business**

There was no other business, and the meeting closed at 8.05pm.

Date of next meeting: **Thursday 26 July 2018 at 7pm.**

Signed.....Chairman

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